

2014: Group C: Period covered: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2013 Work Plans: FYs 10,11,12,13
Programs*: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2013 Work Plans: FYs 09,10,11,12,13
Buzzards Bay, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary*, Long Island Sound*, Santa Monica Bay*, New York / New Jersey Harbor*, Narragansett Bay*, Puget Sound, Maryland Coastal Bays*

November 8, 2013 NEP Directors should determine whether they can volunteer to serve on a PE team and notify to the PE Coordinator at EPA HQ.

November 15, 2013 EPA HQ will set up PE teams for Group C NEPs.

December 13, 2013 Deadline for PE team leader to hold a conference call with members of the team and the NEP Director to discuss logistics on the preparation and submission of the PE package among other issues.

February 28, 2014 Due date for PE submittal package. **A total of three electronic copies are needed** (one for each EPA members of the PE team and one for the ex-officio NEP Director). EPA HQ Coordinator is responsible for making a file copy.

The PE team leader sends electronic copies of NEP work plans for FYs 10, 11, 12, and 13 to the ex-officio NEP Director.

EXEMPTION:

*Programs will have PE one year later than would have in the previous PE process. Therefore, its review period covered (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2013). Work plans to be reviewed: FYs 09, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

March 28, 2014 Deadline for PE team leaders to hold a conference call for the PE team members to compare notes after reviewing the PE package and submitting written comments to the PE team leader.

April 18, 2014 Deadline for PE team leaders to hold a conference call with the NEP Director and the PE team to discuss additional documentation needs, schedule the on-site visit, and identify issues that should be addressed during the on-site visit.

April 21 - June 20, 2014 Period for on-site visits.

LETTER DEVELOPMENT**

2 weeks after visit Period to resolve any concerns rose during the on-site visit.

Deadline for team leader to prepare draft letter documenting the PE team's findings, recommendations, and rating.

4 weeks after visit Deadline for PE team (Regional Coordinator and ex-officio NEP Director) to review and provide comments on draft letter.

6 weeks after visit Deadline for NEP Director to review and provide comments on draft letter.

9 weeks after visit Deadline for concurrence and signature by CMB Branch Chief.

August 29, 2014 All eight PE letters should be signed and sent out to the respective NEPs.

** The schedule for the PE letter development assumes no major issues arise from the PE that requires extensive negotiations.